# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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PREMOTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY
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**Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is a lack of awareness amongst the public about the utility of renewable energy technologies;

(b) if so, the steps taken for the popularization of renewable energy amongst the rural masses;

(c) measures taken for effective development and promotion of renewable energy programmes; and

(d) the quantum of funds allocated and spent for the same during the last three years and achievement made thereon State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources (MNES) has been creating awareness through newspapers, booklets, leaflets, brochures, newsletters, exhibitions, fairs on various renewable energy technologies in Hindi, English and regional languages all over the country including rural areas. MNES is organizing Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas in districts, metros and state capitals of the country on 20th August for wide publicity and awareness since 2004. District Advisory Committees on renewable energy have also been constituted in 540 districts for coordination and awareness creation of renewable energy systems / programmes at district level. Renewable Energy Clubs have been established in Engineering Colleges for raising awareness among engineering students.

(c): Research and development projects have been supported at National Laboratories, Universities and other R&D establishments for design and development of renewable energy systems and devices. To promote renewable energy systems, financial and fiscal incentives are provided by MNES.

(d): MNES allocates the funds on project basis. The total expenditure of Rs.603.62 crore was incurred under various programmes on renewable energy during the last three years i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06. State-wise details are given in Annexure-I. The achievements made under various programmes, State-wise during the last three years are given in Annexure − Ⅱ